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SUBJ: US ARMS SHIPMENTS FROM FRG TO ME: FRG CONCERN

REF: A. BONN 15333; B. BONN 15408

1. WE ARE MOST CONCERNED BY FRG POSITION AS OUTLINED BY FRANK AND REQUEST THAT STRONG DEMARCHE BE MADE TO FRANK ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

2. YOU SHOULD INFORM FRANK THAT USG WELCOMED FRG UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN NOT INTERPOSING OBJECTION OUR SHIPPING ARMS TO ISRAEL FROM USG STOCKS IN FRG. THIS HAS BEEN GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO STABILIZING SITUATION IN AREA AND TO ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS PROPITIOUS FOR CEASEFIRE. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE NO AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS ON ARMS SHIPMENTS LIMITATIONS AND THEY ARE CONTINUING ARMS SHIPMENTS
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TO SYRIA AND EGYPT. WE HAVE PUBLICLY SAID THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS A REDUCTION IN THE EMERGENCY RESUPPLY WITH THE USSR. THUS FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE.

3. THUS THE USG IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED AT THIS LATEST
TURN IN FRG ATTITUDES TOWARD RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL. THE
USG BELIEVES THAT FOR THE WEST TO DISPLAY WEAKNESS

AND DISUNITY IN THE FACE OF A SOVIET-SUPPORTED MILITARY
ACTION AGAINST ISRAEL COULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES.
THE UNITED STATES HAS HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO PROVIDE
ISRAEL WITH THE MILITARY SUPPLIES NECESSARY TO DEFEND
ITSELF; THE USG WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS
SUPPLY EFFORT.

4. THE POLICIES PURSUED BY THE USG IN SEEKING TO BRING
AN END TO THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE THUS
FAR SUCCEEDED, DESPITE THE FAILURE OF SOME OF OUR WESTERN
EUROPEAN ALLIES TO SUPPORT THOSE POLICIES. THE FRG
SHOULD KNOW THAT THE USG WILL NOT FORGET THE ATTITUDES
TAKEN BY ITS ALLIES IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS. KISSINGER

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